

## *The Old Cedar Avenue Bridge project has started!*

The habitat restoration project at Old Cedar is underway! Near the bridge invasive species like buckthorn, honeysuckles and Siberian Elm have been cut and treated. The cut areas will be closely monitored and all new invasive sprouts removed. Restoration will include planting native grasses and flowers and we hope that the area will function like an oak savanna when complete. It will take years for the restoration to be complete, but once it is tall wildflowers and grasses will once again grace the edges of Long Meadow Lake, providing quality habitat for wildlife.



Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to improve wildlife habitat and your visitor experience through the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge Project. In collaboration with the City of Bloomington, this two-year project will restore the historic bridge and provide connections to existing and future trails in the river valley.

- Utility Work: expected start date of March 1 through Mid-April. This will close about 25% of the parking lot but trails will remain open.
- Bridge Restoration: expected start date of May 1. This project is expected to run through September 2016. Parking areas will be affected during the restoration and may have portions of the parking lot closed during this time.

These dates are all subject to weather, construction timelines, and other pitfalls along the way. Please be patient as we work towards a healthier habitat for wildlife and a better experience for visitors.